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United Nations Population Fund

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The Governing Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 3019 (XXVII) of 18 December 1972 and Economic and Social Council resolution 1763 (LIV) of 18 May 1973, reaffirmed by the Economic and Social Council in resolution 1986/7 of 21 May 1986, and taking into account the views expressed by delegations at the thirty-eighth session (1991) of the Governing Council during consideration of matters concerning the United Nations Population Fund,

Also recalling General Assembly resolution 45/216 of 21 December 1990 on population and development,

Emphasizing the sovereignty of nations in the formulation, adoption and implementation of their population policies, consistent with basic human rights and responsibilities of individuals, couples and families,

1. Takes note of the report of the Executive Director on the activities of the Fund in 1990 (DP/1991/28, parts I, II and III), including the special section on the implementation of modified criteria in designating priority countries;

2. Encourages all countries to initiate, increase or resume, as appropriate, contributions in 1991 and future years and to make their payments as early as possible in the year for which the pledge is made;

3. Expresses concern over the relatively modest increase in voluntary contributions to the United Nations Population Fund in 1991, especially in view of projected annual resource increments needed to reach the target of allocations to population activities from all sources of $9 billion per year by the year 2000, endorsed by the Governing Council in decision 90/35 of 20 June 1990 and by the General Assembly in resolution 45/216;

4. Notes with appreciation the resolve of the Development Assistance Committee of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development to devise means to enhance its members' support of interrelated population and environmental objectives and to work together to increase resources to support programmes aimed at achieving these objectives, recognizing, however, that developing countries themselves must lead the way in such endeavours;

5. Notes with satisfaction the report on the implementation of the strategy for the United Nations Fund for Population Activities assistance to sub-Saharan Africa (DP/1991/33), encourages the Fund to continue to direct its assistance to the priority areas of the strategy, and requests the Executive Director to report to the Governing Council at its fortieth session (1993) on the continued implementation of the strategy;

6. Also notes with satisfaction the status report on the implementation strategy to strengthen the capacity of the Fund to deal with issues concerning women, population and development (DP/1991/32); welcomes the increasing proportion of women on the UNFPA staff; approves the extension of the strategy for another four years (1991-1994), addressing in particular the priority areas outlined in the concluding section of the report; and requests the Executive Director to report to the Governing Council at its fortieth session (1993) on the status of the implementation of the strategy;

7. Takes note of the report of the Executive Director on contraceptive requirements and demand for contraceptive commodities in developing countries in the 1990s; endorses the need to develop and refine country-specific estimates for contraceptive needs in developing countries that would include estimates for the cost of logistical requirements and to improve the transport, storage, distribution and management of contraceptive provision; also endorses the expansion of contraceptive procurement facilities through the United Nations Population Fund, working in cooperation with other interested parties adequately to meet developing country contraceptive needs; and authorizes the Executive Director to continue working with a consultative group of interested parties that would review estimates of short-term and long-term contraceptive requirements, improve procurement arrangements, increase resources for contraceptive provision and achieve operational coordination and cooperation in meeting contraceptive needs;

8. Takes note of the preparatory process for the 1994 International Conference on Population and Development, which includes, inter alia, regional meetings and conferences, to be convened by the respective United Nations

regional commissions, and six expert group meetings corresponding to the main issues requiring special attention; encourages countries that are able to do so to make voluntary contributions towards the costs of the Conference and its preparatory process; and requests the Executive Director to inform the Council regularly on the preparations for the Conference, including the status of financial arrangements;

9. Notes with satisfaction the Fund's 1991 State of World Population report entitled "Choice or Chance?"; reaffirms that free choice in the matter of family size is a fundamental human right for both women and men; endorses the view that family planning contributes to the health and security of women, children, the family, the community and the nation; recognizes that voluntary use of modern family planning methods contributes to achieving a balance between population, resources, the environment and development which is necessary for sustainable development; calls upon the Fund to redouble its efforts both to deliver family planning services to all who need them and to reinforce information and education programmes in support of family planning; and further calls upon the Fund to continue to increase awareness through its public information activities in both developed and developing countries on issues relating to population and development;

10. Takes note with appreciation the activities undertaken by the United Nations Fund for Population Activities to promote awareness of the linkages among population, the environment and development and encourages the Executive Director to work in close cooperation with the secretariat of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development in 1992 and other concerned bodies to ensure that population is given due importance in the substantive agenda of the Conference;

11. Requests the Executive Director, in view of the emphasis in General Assembly resolution 44/211 of 22 December 1989, on, inter alia, the need to ensure maximum utilization of national execution of projects, to report to the Governing Council at its fortieth session (1993) on the Fund's relevant guidelines on national execution and related matters;

12. Stresses the importance of enhancing coordination of population activities at the national level, under the overall guidance of national authorities, as well as the efforts of the United Nations Population Fund to strengthen national capacity in this regard; welcomes the concrete progress that has been made in collaborative efforts of the United Nations Children's Fund and the United Nations Population Fund; looks forward to the joint report on collaborative programme activities of the United Nations Children's Fund and the United Nations Population Fund, which is to be submitted to the Governing Council at its thirty-ninth session (1992); and requests the Executive Director to submit to the Council at its fortieth session (1993) a similar report on collaborative programme activities with the World Bank and regional development banks.

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The Governing Council,

Having considered the work plan for 1992-1995 and request for approval authority (DP/1991/30) and the report on the status of financial implementation of Governing Council-approved United Nations Population Fund programmes and projects (DP/1991/31),

1. Endorses the Executive Director's programme resource planning proposals set out in paragraphs 12 to 34 of the report with the proviso that the level of the operational reserve shall be modified (from 25 per cent of expected voluntary contributions to 20 per cent) as noted in paragraph ___ of decision 91/____;

2. Reiterates the need, as emphasized in Governing Council decision 90/35 B of 20 June 1990, for future allocations of resources to meet the target of an 80 per cent allocation of country programme resources to priority countries and, taking into account the specific needs and priorities of individual countries, to reflect sufficiently the priority given to the substantive area of family planning, as set out in Governing Council decision 81/7 of 23 June 1981;

3. Approves the request for the new programme expenditure level in the amount of $201.3 million for 1992;

4. Endorses the use of the following estimates for new programmable resources for the period 1993-1995: $225.7 million for 1993, $255.6 million for 1994 and $281.9 million for 1995.